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US ON THE OTHER. IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THE TWO SIDES TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER INTEREST IN COOPERATION AND IMPORTANT THAT THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED AT THE SUMMIT MEETINGS BE TRANSLATED INTO SPECIFIC RESULTS. WHILE IT IS HARD TO ASSESS WHO WILL PROFIT MOST, IT IS CLEAR THAT BOTH SIDES IN FACT WILL PROFIT BECAUSE BOTH ARE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS OF JOINT RESEARCH AND COOPERATION.

7. PODGORNYY ADDED THAT AS FAR AS THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED, THEY WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER COOPERATION. THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT LEADING PERSONALITIES IN THE US TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION. THE SOVIET SIDE HAD NOTICED THAT HIGHLY COMPETENT PEOPLE WERE MEMBERS OF THE US SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. THE USSR HAS ALSO DONE ITS UTMOST TO APPOINT COMPETENT PERSONNEL TO THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE COMMISSION. CONFIDENCE EXISTS THAT WORK IN AREAS OUTLINED DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WILL LEAD TO CONCRETE RESULTS. IN ANY CASE, THIS SESSION WILL PROVIDE AN IMPETUS FOR PROMPTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED BY THE COMMISSION.

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8. PODGORNYY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ARE PROCEEDING SUCCESSFULLY AND COMMON GROUND EXISTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND US REPRESENTATIVES.

9. PODGORNYY NOTED THAT DR. STEVER HAD ONLY BEEN IN MOSCOW A SHORT TIME BUT HE HAD ALREADY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE. DR. STEVER WOULD SOON BE VISITING FACTORIES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN THE DAYS AHEAD. DR. STEVER WOULD DISCERN FOR HIMSELF THROUGH HIS CONVERSATIONS THAT A BASIS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THERE IS A WILLINGNESS ON THE SOVIET SIDE TO COOPERATE IN THIS CONTEXT. PODGORNYY ADDED THAT WHEN DR. STEVER RETURNS TO THE US AND SEES THE PRESIDENT, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE SOVIET SIDE TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER COOPERATION. DR. STEVER SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT CONDITIONS AND SOLID GROUNDS EXIST FOR THAT COOPERATION TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

10. DR. STEVER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO SEVERAL STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT. IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE US. WHEN THE PRESIDENT MET WITH ACADEMICIAN TRAPEZNIKOV, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND DR. STEVER IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGREEMENTS, NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. DR. STEVER SAID HE HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT MUCH WILL BE FOUND TO INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH. THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT IS SO CLEAR THAT ONE WOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MINOR DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT ARISE. LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEGUN THE NEW MOVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS VERY WELL. WE ARE NOW INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ON THESE AGREEMENTS AND ON AS FIRM GROUND AS POSSIBLE.

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11. DR. STEVER SAID HE THOUGHT WE WERE OBLIGED TO LOOK AT EACH PROBLEM AS IT AROSE AS OBJECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE AND TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IT. HE WOULD LIKE TO MENTION A COUPLE OF THESE PROBLEMS. FIRST OF ALL, HE THOUGHT THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL STRENGTH LIES WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN THE US. WE MUST THEREFORE FIND WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES INVOLVE US INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. IT IS RELATIVELY EASY FOR THE US SIDE TO HANDLE THOSE EXCHANGES WHICH INVOLVE GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS OR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FROM ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE GENERALLY VERY INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AGREEMENTS AND TO WORK WITH THEIR APPROPRIATE COUNTERPARTS. IT IS, HOWEVER, A DIFFERNT MATTER WHEN US INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVOLVED, SINCE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO PROTECT. A SPECIAL EFFORT MUST THEREFORE BE MADE TO ATTRACT US INDUSTRY TO THE EXCHANGE EFFORTS. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO BRING THIS ABOUT AND EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE TO ASSIST INTERESTED SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH US INDUSTRY. THIS IS THE GREATEST PROBLEM AREA. ALL OTHER PROBLEMS COULD BE WORKED OUT, GIVEN THE GOODWILL THAT ALREADY EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY IN THIS TYPE OF EXCHANGE BECAUSE AMERICAN INDUSTRY EXERTS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE ON THE US CONGRESS. PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS TO CARRY OUT ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.

12. DR. STEVER SAID HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, MERELY WANT TO BE SINGLING OUT PROBLEM AREAS. HE WISHED TO NOTE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD MOVE FORWARD

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